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The present invention also preferably includes a source of carbohydrates from a low glycemic index grain. Glycemic index is a measure of the rate at which carbohydrates are broken down into glucose and absorbed by the bloodstream. Glycemic index is a relative scale measured from a reference standard food (normally 50 gm white bread = 100). By "low glycemic index" it is meant that the starch source provides a glycemic response which is closer to fasting glucose and insulin levels than a reference standard carbohydrate source. Suitable low glycemic index grains include sorghum, barley, corn, and blends thereof. Brewer's rice is not a suitable grain source for the present invention. The invention may also use multiple grains comprising a blend of sorghum and barley; a blend of corn and barley; a blend of corn and sorghum; or a blend of corn, sorghum, and barley. Preferably, the weight ratio of grain sources in any blends is from about 1:5 to about 5:1, and more preferably the weight ratio of any blends contains substantially equal amounts of each grain (i.e., a 1:1 ratio). Where a combination of three grain sources is used, the weight ratios of the lowest to highest amount of grain source will vary between from about 1:1 to about 5:1. The composition of the present invention includes an amount of these starch sources to provide a mammal with from about 1.0 to about 3.0 grams of starch per kilogram of body weight per day. Reference is also made to commonly-assigned U.S. Patent No 5,932,258, entitled COMPOSITION AND PROCESS FOR IMPROVING GLUCOSE METABOLISM IN COMPANION ANIMALS, and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 60/121,087, filed February 23, 1999, and titled ALTERATION OF GLUCOSE METABOLISM IN